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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Harold Kraft, Phyo Win, and Examiner: Charles DeLauder Miranda Le Serial No. 09/713,600 **Art Unit:** 2177 Cnfrm. No. 9771 Filed November 15, 2000 For METHOD, SYSTEM AND COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM FOR ACCESSING AND RETRIEVING COURT RECORDS. ITEMS AND DOCUMENTS

RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the April 8, 2005, Office Action, Applicants note with appreciation the Office's indication that claims 38, 40, and 42 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

The Office has rejected claims 1-2, 5-9, 13-14, 17-21, 25-26, 29-33, 37, 39, 41, 43-45, 49-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,490,579 to Gao et al. (Gao). As demonstrated by the accompanying Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 of Charles DeLauder, one of the named inventors, the applicants invented the subject matter of the above-identified patent application prior to July 16, 1998. Consequently, Gao is not available as prior art and the rejection of claims 1-2, 5-9, 13-14, 17-21, 25-26, 29-33, 37, 39, 41, 43-45, 49-54 over Gao should be withdrawn.